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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - KOREA

TO: EA - MR. OAKLEY, ACTING

FROM: EA/K - ROBERT G. RICH, JR.

1. KOREAGATE RESOLUTION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER WRIGHT, MINORITY LEADER RHODES,
ETHICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FLYNT AND OTHERS HAVE INTRODUCED
A RESOLUTION WHICH PROVIDES THAT QUOTE UNTIL SUCH TIME
AS KING DONG JO IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UNDER
OATH, NO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
FOR NON-MILITARY PURPOSES SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXCEPT WHERE THE REFUSAL TO SO
APPROVE SUCH APPROPRIATION WOULD IMPERIL THE NATIONAL
SECURITY OF THE U.S. OR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE
ROK. UNQUOTE THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION GOES ON TO FIND
THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES REFUSAL OF APPROPRIATED
FUNDS FOR NON-MILITARY PURPOSES WOULD NOT IMPERIL U.S.
SECURITY OR ROK TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. A HEARING WILL BE

HELD ON THE RESOLUTION MAY 22, AND IT WILL BE CONSIDERED
ON THE HOUSE FLOOR THE NEXT DAY. THIS TIMING IS

PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE, SINCE IT PRECEDES BY LESS THAN
A DAY DR. BRZEZINSKI'S ARRIVAL IN SEOUL.

2. POSSIBLE SETBACK OF THE STRATTON AMENDMENT (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE AGREED MAY 17 TO REPORT THE
DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL UNDER A RULE WHICH WOULD ALLOW
THE CHAIR TO ENTERTAIN A POINT OF ORDER CHALLENGING
THE GERMANENESS OF THE STRATTON AMENDMENT ON KOREAN TROOP
WITHDRAWAL. THIS TACTIC, SPONSORED BY CHAIRMAN
ZABLOCKI, COULD LEAD TO A RULING FROM THE CHAIR WHEN THE
BILL IS CONSIDERED MAY 23 THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE
REJECTION OF THE STRATTON AMENDMENT WITHOUT A VOTE.

3. ACTIVITIES OF THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY BUSY MEETING REQUESTS OF THE
FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FILES, AND ARE PRESENTLY MAKING A
DETERMINATION ON DECLASSIFICATION OF 29 MORE DOCUMENTS
FOR PUBLIC RELEASE. AMBASSADOR SNEIDER HAS AGREED TO
TESTIFY BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND HIS APPEARANCE IS
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1, AT 1:00 P.M. WE HAVE FORWARDED
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THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S OUTLINE OF QUESTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR,
AND PROVIDED HIM WITH BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR HIS USE IN
PREPARING HIS TESTIMONY. THIS WEEK WE ALSO INFORMED THE
SUBCOMMITTEE WE THOUGHT IT INADVISABLE, FOR HEALTH
REASONS, TO SEEK DIRECT TESTIMONY OR EVEN WRITTEN
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM PHIL HABIB. THE SUBCOMMITTEE
RELUCTANTLY AGREED, BUT HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO
PROVIDE A WRITTEN NARRATIVE COVERING THE ISSUES AND EVENTS
ABOUT WHICH IT HAD PLANNED TO QUESTION HABIB. WE ARE
CONSIDERING THE REQUEST.

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